Dear Parents,

It has been our pleasure and privilege to serve your children and families this school year. The work we do is so important in building strong, independent young citizens. Thank you for your ongoing communication and your support for our learning community! Please set aside some time this summer to keep learning. Here are a few suggestions:

- Join the Fairfax County Public Library summer reading program.
- Read every day this summer. This is a great time to select a chapter book and read aloud each evening as a family.
- Have your student keep a summer journal. Ask your child to write about and illustrate a journal page for each day of your vacation.
- Spend time together and enjoy your family!

Enjoy your summer!

Michael G. Macrina
Principal

WHAT TO EXPECT THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th

- 8:10 School will begin
- 8:45 6th Grade Awards Assembly begins
- 10:40 Dismissal Time (APPROXIMATE)

Please call the attendance line if your child's last day will be sooner than the last day of school.

Band Concert

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
ISLAND CREEK BAND CONCERT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH AT 7PM

Strings Concert

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
ISLAND CREEK STRINGS CONCERT
THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH AT 7PM
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**Date Reminders:**
- Summer PAC Program - July 2-Aug 7th (no class July 4th)
- Summer SELT Program - July 14-Aug 1st
- Class Assignments Posted - August 27th at NOON
- Open House - August 28th, 2-3pm
- First Day of School - September 2nd
√ Check-it Out at the Library

LIBRARY BOOKS: All student library books are due by Wednesday, June 11th!

Enjoy your summer and remember to read lots of great books!

What Kindergartners Learned In Library
Mrs. Parker’s Class

- Mrs. Woodall reads a book to us every week.
- The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School
- Old Mac Donald Had a Farm
- Pinkerton
- Over and Under the Snow
- Duck! Rabbit!
- Tiny Little Fly
- Elmo Trees
- I Ain’t Goin’ Paint Me More!
- Stuck!
- The Kindhearted Crocodile
- Oh No, Georgia!
- Purr’s Dogs
- The Great Fox Hunt

Check out books every week.
Read the book we check out.
The quiet corner in the Library
We learn in the library.
Take library books home to read.
Return the library books we check out.
Look at our books on the carpet after we check out.
We like to choose books we know.
The library makes me happy!

Library Highlights for May

- Preschool students have been learning about flowers, gardening and oceans.
- Kindergarten students have been reviewing reading comprehension activities.
- First grade classes have been learning about dictionaries and how to use them.
- Second grade classes have been learning how to search using the online catalog and how to locate books in the Everybody and Nonfiction sections. They are becoming independent library users!
- As a final activity, all kindergarten, first grade and second grade classes wrote list poems about what they learned in library this year. They are insightful!
- Upper grade classes have checked out and read a lot of books this month!

You can access the library catalog from home: http://libcat.fcps.edu/uhthbin/cgiisirs/i/x/0/0/57/49?user_id=129WEDB

June 2014
Library Staff:
Jill Woodall, Librarian
Counselors’ Corner

Summer Safety

Happy Summer Break! As we do each year at this time, this months focus is on summer safety.

RAZORS, RAZOR RIP SKATES, GENERIC SKATES, BIKES, SCOOTERS OR SKATE BOARDS
- Wear your safety gear, helmets, knee and elbow pads, goggles
- Ride together with friends/family members
- Follow a safe route
- Avoid the street when possible

WALKING TIPS
- Ask your parent/guardian before you go walking
- Be sure your family knows which route you are taking
- Remember to look left, right and left again before crossing the street
- Walk in familiar, safe areas that are approved and known by your family
- Walk with friends

POOL SAFETY
- Do not swim alone! Always swim with another person present
- If you are at a public pool please listen to the lifeguards
- Do not run poolside as you can fall and injure yourself and other people

Remember to play outside; exercise is very important for you
These are just a few ideas for outdoor games:
- Jump rope
- Use the playground equipment at a park
- Play tag or Freeze Tag
- Play softball or baseball
- Hide-and-Seek – Kick the Can
- Hopscotch
- Jacks
- 4 Square
- Marbles
- Run or skip

Your partners in Character Education,

Virginia Hulke
Stefanie Shelesky
School Counselors
Effective July 1, 2014, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering sixth grade.

- If your child is 11 years old, he or she must get the Tdap immunization and provide documentation to the school.
- If your child is still 10 years old, he or she may receive the Tdap vaccine, Boostrix, which is approved for 10 years old, or you may wait until the 11th birthday to receive the vaccine approved for 11-year-olds.
- If your child’s 11th birthday is after the first day of school, your child must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap immunization in order to attend school.

Please check your child’s immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that your child receive it and that you provide documentation to the school as soon as possible. This documentation can be a copy of your child’s immunization record, or a note from your physician listing the date of his or her most recent Tdap booster shot.

The Tdap booster can be obtained from your child’s physician. Immunizations required for school are also available at the Fairfax County Health Department at no charge. Clinic locations and walk-in hours are listed on the back of this letter and are available online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/hdclinicsite.htm. Students receiving immunizations at the Health Department must be accompanied by an adult, and students should bring their immunization records to the Health Department clinic with them.

It is most important that you attend to this matter soon. Sixth graders cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster.

Please, plan ahead to attend to this matter at your earliest convenience. When the 2014 school year begins, sixth graders for whom the office has no documentation of the Tdap shot will not be assigned to a teacher.

Please contact Sandy Campbell, the school public health nurse if you have any questions. She can be reached at 703-704-6671 or by email at sandra.campbell@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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**Are you moving?**

The school needs to have current addresses for all our students! If you have moved, please call the school office so we can update our records. If you are planning to move away from Island Creek, also be sure you let the school office know. We really hate to see you go, but there are important documents that need to be filled out by parents in order for a smooth transition to take place and for school records to be sent to your child’s new school.

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF CURRENT FIFTH GRADERS**

If you or your child have not had the opportunity, please stop by and check the lost and found bins located just outside the cafeteria. All remaining items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

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**Lost and Found**

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Therapy Adventure Camp 2014

This camp is designed to help children meet goals, developed by the child, family and therapy staff, through a fun, friendly and interactive camp model. Daily activities will include indoor and outdoor play, exercise sessions, one-to-one instruction and guidance during games/activities.

Campers:
Elementary, middle, & highschool-age students with neuromuscular disorders (ex. Muscular Dystrophy, CP, Myelomeningocele, Spinal Cord Injury) who have therapy goals related to functional mobility and daily activity skills.

Cost:
Please call one of the numbers listed below for more information. Full and partial scholarships are available. There will be a non-refundable $50 registration fee.

Registration information:
If you are interested and would like more information, please call Emily Berry (PT) at 434-465-9583 or Ruth Goldeen (OT) at 434-243-2146. Registration forms will be sent to each family expressing an interest in the program.

Family Notes:
Families are responsible for drop off/ pick up each day.

- Families to provide lunch and snacks for their child each day.
- Families will be contacted to set up PT/OT evaluation prior to the start of camp.
- Based on the designed goals of the program, we reserve the right not to accept a child’s registration if concerns are present about social skills and behavior that may disrupt camp activities.
- We strongly recommend that children who normally have a one to one aide at home have their aide accompany them to camp.

Dates:
- Week one - Monday June 16 thru Thursday June 19
- Week two - Monday June 23 thru Thursday June 26

Time:
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily (M-Th)

Place:
Kluge’s Children Rehabilitation Center
TIPS FOR A HEALTHY SUMMER!

During the “fun” time of summer vacation it is very easy to forget our healthy school year practices. Remember to make the following healthy tips a part of each day.

- Eat Breakfast
- Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables
- Make wise snack choices such as crackers, cheese, milk shakes, yogurt and pudding
- Limit consumption of soft drinks and candy
- Drink at least eight glasses of water
- Exercise at least 60 minutes each day
- Wear sunscreen

¡CONSEJOS PARA UN VERANO SALUDABLE!

Durante el tiempo "de diversión" de vacaciones de verano es muy fácil olvidar nuestras prácticas sanas del año escolar. Acuérdese de hacer los siguientes consejos sanos parte de cada día.

- Coma desayuno
- Coma por lo menos 5 porciones de frutas y vegetales
- Haga selecciones de meriendas sabias como galletas, queso, batidos de leche, yogur y budín
- Limite el consumo de refrescos y caramelo
- Beba al menos ocho vasos de agua
- Haga al menos 60 minutos de ejercicio cada día
- Use protección en contra del sol
After completing their reading and science SOL’s this week, Mrs. von Kolnitz’s 5th grade class celebrated the fun of Reading and Science with their reading buddies in Mrs. Savanick’s class. The buddies went outside and had fun by blowing bubbles and exploring the concept of surface tension and what makes a bubble.

The Kinder Crocs of Island Creek have had a fantastic year! We had a fun and very educational field trip to Gunston Hall in May. We also had a visit from the White House Historical Society and their White House Detectives program which helps us to learn more about American Symbols. We even had a surprise visit from a young George Washington (aka Eli Million). In June we will have Kindergarten Fun Day which will be a field day for kindergarten since we did not take part in field day in the fall. We will also have a Kindergarten Celebration on Tuesday, June 24th, to say goodbye to Kinder Crocs and hello to first graders!